

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Diane Wolff, Patty Lacasse, Wayne (Woody) Durst, Carl Knittel, Greg Favreau, Tina Lajoie, (IWWA Clerk), Terry Bellman (Wetlands Agent), Robert Messier (Messier & Assoc.)

- I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:33 p.m.
- II. Roll Call** – Patty Lacasse, Marla Butts, Wayne (Woody) Durst, Carl Knittel, Mark Parker, Diane Wolff, Greg Favreau.

Chair Parker takes this opportunity to welcome new IWWA Commissioners. The Board of Selectmen have approved these four new members. He reminds them to sign up for the wetlands training on the DEEP website. They have both modules 1 & 2 posted. The 3rd one is usually offered on site somewhere but we do not have the details on where. If they are taken in the same year, you can receive a certificate.

- III. Appointment of Alternates** – None
- IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 6, 2014**
MOTION BY DIANE WOLFF TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY MARLA BUTTS. MOTION CARRIED. P. Lacasse abstained.

- V. Old Business**
10-14-19 James Donovan, 1140 Rte 169 – Wetlands crossing for driveway
Robert Messier, representing his client, Mr. Donovan, provides members with a quick overview. The property was owned by Bellwether Farms years ago and Mr. Donovan bought the site with the intention of building a house on it. Drainage calculations were provided and refinements were done on the plan. Soil testing was completed for the site. Originally the driveway was shown following the old path but the property owner wanted the driveway going out into the field which keeps the grade lower. It does add a little more in length. Another turn-around was added from last month's plan. Grading refinements were done. Plan shows intermittent drainage swales that just dissipate back into the ground which explains the disconnection on the plan. There are twin 15" pipes to be installed in the upland review and the plan shows the inverts. The capacity is typically for a 10-year storm. The calculations show what the flow capacity would be and they might be able to get away with one pipe but the plan shows two just to be safe and capable of passing a 25-year return frequency storm. The wetlands were delineated by Ed Pawlak from CT. Eco Systems. The wetlands are up-gradient from the site work. The width of the driveway is 15 feet and did include turn-around areas. Locus map was included.
MOTION TO APPROVE 10-14-19 AS SHOWN ON PLAN SUBMITTED 10/23/14, 2 SHEETS (REVISED) BY MARLA BUTTS, SECONDED BY DIANE WOLFF. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- VI. New Business**

VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report

1. Sign-offs

- 31 Walker Lane – Gravel turn-around area starts outside the upland review area and impacts area slightly. Sign-off was given with a note requiring the installation and inspection of the silt fence prior to any excavation.
- 1106 Route 198 – Septic upgrade – No work in wetlands.
- 26 Cady Lane – Complaint that there is continued work being done that could possibly be in violation of the permit granted. T. Bellman inspected and described as a park-like setting and states owner's father has continued to remove all the underbrush. Initially, he was stopped from working and the owner and father came in and went through the approval details and it was then determined to be within the permitting allowances. The removal of vegetation was not a limitation of the issued permit but any filling of a wetland would be prohibited and no filling appears to be occurring at this time.

2. Continued discussion on complaint re: Drainage work on Bungay Hill Road

A memo was given to the Commissioners from T. Lajoie that states she had a discussion with both Allan Walker and John Navarro regarding IWWA documented concerns. In an effort to resolve the issues as quickly as possible, the Town has agreed to hire Syl Pauley, NECCOG Engineer, to take a look at the current design to make sure it is sufficient. Once this is done, it was agreed that Lajoie would work with Navarro to complete the necessary application requirements for the IWWA submission.

As for future road work, it was agreed that Navarro keep T. Lajoie and T. Bellman in the loop so they can be involved in the early stages in determining whether wetlands permits or engineered designs might be required and then, also, with the completion and submission of applications. IWWA is in favor of this agreement and would like a timetable of 90 days on Mr. Pauley's review and will follow-up then.

For the record, Greg Favreau is no longer a representative for the Lake Bungee Tax District Board, effective November 4th.

3. Continued discussion on complaint re: Drainage work on Bradford Corner Rd.

M. Butts questions T. Bellman on his previous report that John Navarro was ordered by the Selectmen to pipe that portion of watercourse that was not authorized to be piped under the original permit. Was that a verbal order or something in writing? T. Bellman states he did not see anything in writing that it was based on a conversation he had with John Navarro that the Selectmen made the decision. There is further discussion on who oversees that the engineered plans are followed in any situation, whether it be town highway crew or private citizen. M. Butts did a quick review of the zoning and subdivision regulations and stated that they did not appear to contain hydraulic standards for road construction, whether it should be designed for a 10, 25 or 100 year return frequency storm depending on the contributing drainage. The hydraulics and sizing of the piping should be reviewed and can IWWA include these standards in their regulations?

The plan on file does not have enough detail and is signed by a land surveyor and not an engineer. Although, IWWA does agree the open ditch was a safety hazard, they still would like clarification on the capacity of the pipe based on the existing system and decide whether or not it

can at least pass a 10 year return frequency storm. If it cannot, then there may be a request to the town to replace with a properly sized pipe. The channel was supposed to be expanded to the greatest extent possible to put a crushed stone check dam at the end to create a settling area, which was as a trade-off for the piping up at Heckler's property. T. Bellman will check the area out before the next meeting. Table discussions until next month to get details on the following:

- Has the settling area been constructed and the ditch widened to the watercourse, as they had shown on the drawings?
- Research what neighboring towns have for hydraulics, capacities required by surrounding towns and standards.
- Were there changes from the original approval on the Center Street portion?
- T. Bellman to visit the area to confirm whether the settling area has been created at the base of the hill before it discharges into the watercourse and to check what the conditions are at Center Street to see whether they match the drawings.

A new permit application will have to be submitted. The footprint of the regulated activity was increased and does not meet the standards for a modification and must apply for a new permit. There will need to be an as-built showing the appropriate hydraulics so IWWA can determine whether this installed pipe is sufficient.

VIII. Citizen's comments / other topics

1. Land Use Workshop (125 Putnam Pike, Dayville) Session I, 11/18/14 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Session II, 12-02-14 – 6:30 to 8:30pm. (*Greg and Carl signed up*).
 2. CT Assoc of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission, Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference, Sat, November 15, 2014 and Fall Newsletter. (*Wayne, Marla and Patty signed up*).
 3. CT Federation of Planning & Zoning Agencies – Quarterly Newsletter for 2015 to 2016
 4. An Evening with Greg Weidemann, Dean of the UCONN College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources re: "The Importance of Communication and Education in All Sectors of the Agricultural Community."
 5. Stonebridge Press - Legal Results Ad for Anderson, \$22.05
- MOTION BY DIANE WOLFF/MARLA BUTTS TO PAY THE BILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
6. Freedom of Information Commission is offering a workshop/class at the Town of Pomfret on December 17th. It's a half day class.
 7. Resignation - Andrew Massey, who has been a Commissioner for approximately 8 years, has submitted a letter of resignation to the First Selectmen. It is read for the record. The letter is recognized and accepted by IWWA. (Thank you for your years of service to the town. You will be missed!)

VIII. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DIANE WOLFF, SECONDED BY MARLA BUTTS AT
08:44 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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